


REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 6 would be in condition for allowance if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112. The Examiner has objected to the phrase "rubber-like" in claim 1. The phrase "rubber-like" has been deleted from claims 1 and 6. Further, claims 2 through 5 have been cancelled.

The Applicant believes that claims 1 and 6 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the foregoing amendment to the claims and to issue a formal Notice of Allowance for claims 1 and 6. Should the Examiner care to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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